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TAGS: CENTO
SUBJECT: FCO ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL

REF: A) LONDON 4919; B) STATE 83696; C) ANKARA 2441

1. GORHAM, FCO OFFICER HANDLING CENTO, AGAIN ASKED
EMBOFF IF HE HAD HEARD HOW US WOULD LIKE TO DIVIDE UP
WITH THE UK WHO WILL LEAD OFF ON WHICH TOPICS DURING
THE DISCUSSIONS. GORHAM TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED ON HIS
OWN INITIATIVE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT:

2. TO RAISE IN REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION:
MIDDLE EAST, US; AFRICAN QUESTIONS, UK; EAST/WEST RE-
LATIONS, SALT, ETC, US. "DEFENSIVE ONLY" (I.E. IF
ASKED): CYPRUS, UK; GREECE/TURKEY, US; THE SUB-
CONTINENT, UK; OIL AND ENERGY, US.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE TIME-TABLE (REFTEL B), GORHAM
SAID BRITISH ARE PROPOSING OPENING PUBLIC SESSION BE
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DEFERRED TO 11:00 ON APRIL 19, AND THEREFORE WONDER IF
THERE WILL BE TIME TO GIVE ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO
SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT BEFORE LUNCH THAT DAY.
GORHAM UNDERSTANDS THAT APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF THE
COMMITTEES IS SOMEWHAT OF A FORMALITY AND TAKES VERY
LITTLE TIME. FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WOULD LIKE TO
GIVE FULLER TIME THAN USUAL TO THE REVIEW OF THE

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND "MAKE SOMETHING OF IT."

4. RE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL C), FCO WILL HAVE SOME
MAINLY STYLISTIC CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO PROPOSE.
THESE, LIKE FORMAL UK COMMENTS ON THE SCHEDULE, WILL BE
CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARIAT.

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